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REPORT

TOPIC 1. Czech Troops and Military Installations in Stribro and Tachov.

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REMARKS

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1. In October 1953, eight tanks mounting 80-mm tank guns without muzzle brakes were parked in front of the garage in the Artillery Barracks on the east side of the Techlovice (N 50/P 74) road. Soldiers trained in the barracks yard with five or six guns of about 70 mm with pneumatic tires and without muzzle brakes. They pulled the guns which were about 80 cm high and included one equipped with a split-trail gun carriage. Other soldiers trained in the billeting area with a mortar whose components were carried as back-pack loads. A large barracks installation was under construction on the north side of the road to Milikov (N 50/P 74), west of the city. The roofs of about three large four-story buildings were already completed and a section of the easternmost building already quartered soldiers. The installation included 10 to 15 buildings under construction. Construction work was executed by the Armastav firm in Plzen (N 50/L 04) with the help of soldiers. The construction of a sewer from the building site toward the city was under preparation. Some old wooden hutments east of the building site were apparently unoccupied.
2. The former seminary building on a side street of the market square in the north-eastern sector of the city was guarded by soldiers. At noon, the guard was relieved in the courtyard of the building. [redacted] the guards headquarters of the post was located in this structure.
3. An oval sheet-metal plate inscribed "Posadkove velitelstvi" (military post administration) was seen on the building of the former main post office in the northwestern sector of the city, south of the slaughter house. [redacted] The so-called "Armadni Dum" (Army House) was located in a former hotel on the north side of the market square. The building of the military district headquarters (OVV) was located on a blind alley, about 100 meters southwest of the market square. [redacted] The headquarters was headed by Senior Captain Citula (fnu). [redacted]

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4. In March 1953, three or four guns of an unidentified model with rubber-tired wheels and several model Prsha RN trucks were observed in an installation consisting of 10 to 15 newly constructed hutments, immediately north of the Tachov (N 50/P 54) railroad station, on the east side of the road to Plana (N 50/P 55).<sup>3</sup>

5. [REDACTED] a camp near Mariánské Hory near Ostrava (P 50/O 59). During [REDACTED] registration, about 120 men of the 1933 and 1934 classes were subjected to an X-ray examination. In June 1953, [REDACTED] about 500 men of the 1933 and 1934 classes [REDACTED] required to appear before a mixed commission of officers and civilians for another registration. [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED] Comment. The weapons observed possibly belong to the infantry regiment which is carried in Stribro. It is believed that not the entire regiment is stationed at the post. The unit belongs to the 11th Inf Div. The elements of the regiment not yet stationed at Stribro will probably move there after completion of the new barracks installations.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. In June 1953, members of the 1923 class were inducted for a 3-week reservists' exercise. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] elements of the 18th Inf Regt [REDACTED] is carried in Tachov.
4. [REDACTED] Comment. The pattern of inductions in the fall of 1953 is still undetermined. It is believed that most of the inductees were members of the 1932 and 1933 classes. The 1934 class is not expected to be inducted before the spring of 1954. The first groups of this class were possibly registered as early as the fall of 1953. [REDACTED]

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